Unhealthy edible oils

†607.SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent report by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), according to which the quantity of trans fatty acid, which is very dangerous to health, in edible oils has been found 5 to 12 times more than that of international standards which should be 2 per cent;

(b) if so, names of the companies from which samples of oil and ghee were taken; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government against defaulter companies and to bring down the quantity of trans fatty acids in edible oils, ghee and butter at the level of 2 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir. As reported in the newspapers, and also available on the website of the CSE, a report titled "Fatty acid profile of edible oils and fats in India" has been brought out in January, 2009.

(b) The companies from whom the samples were drawn by CSE as per the Report are M/s. Adani Wilmer Ltd., M/s Cargil India Pvt. Ltd., M/s Bungee India Ltd., M/s Marico Ltd., M/s Agrotech Foods Ltd., M/s RR Oomerbhoy Pvt. Ltd., M/s Dhara Vegetable Oils and Foods Company Ltd., M/s Jindal Oils and Fats Ltd., M/s Milk Food Ltd., M/s Sell Edible Oils Ltd., M/s Gujrat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd., M/s Amrit Banaspati Company Ltd., M/s. Consumer Marketing India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Recon Oil Industries Pvt. Ltd., M/s Shalimar Agro Tech Pvt. Ltd., M/s Sarda Agro Oil Ltd. and M/s Ruchi Infrastructure Ltd.

(c) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 do not prescribe any limit of Trans Fatty Acid in edible oils and fats.

Campaign for reduction of tobacco consumption

†608.SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the campaign to curb/minimize use of tobacco in Government sectors has been successful this year over last year;

(b) whether film Industry is not supporting it;

(c) whether Government has approved help for alternative crops under this campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Government of India has not estimated the reduction in demand for

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tobacco products, due to the tobacco free initiatives and other campaigns. A national level Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS) is being carried out in 2009 which; *inter alia*, would estimate the impact of the campaign/tobacco control programme.

(b) The smoke free movies Rules notified under the "The Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" were challenged in Delhi High Court by one film producer and the Rules have been quashed. Government of India has filed an appeal against the order of High Court.

(c) and (d) Government of India has supported the Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), under Department of Agriculture Research Extension for pilot project on alternative cropping to tobacco. The pilot is being taken up in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, at an approved expenditure of Rs.2.17 Crores.

Investment of health education and urban amenities

609. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to spend 2 billion dollars on health education and urban amenities;

(b) if so, whether Government plans to direct multi-lateral aid from World Bank and ADB towards infrastructure development while bilateral aid will focus on social sector spending;

(c) if so, whether Government has so far identified four projects for the 2 billion dollars;

(d) if so, whether Government is likely to reach an agreement in this regard by March, 2009; and

(e) if so, to what extent Government is considering to spend on health out of this fund and what are the projects that have been selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) There is no such plan so far as health education is concerned. However, there is proposal to launch National Urban Health Mission for the purpose of providing medical services in the slum areas of the cities. The proposal is in the process of being finalized.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Maternal deaths due to inadequate medicare

†610. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 78,000 pregnant women die every year in the country at the time of giving birth to child in the absence, of essential medical facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government in this regard;

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